GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONSUMER AWARENESS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to make the consumers especially those in rural areas aware of food safety, on the eve of world Consumer Rights Day;

(b) the details of centres for consumer consultations cum complaints set up in each State of the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of total amount sanctioned by the Government to boost consumer awareness campaigns in each State during the last three years and in the current year as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 458 FOR 07/05/2007 REGARDING CONSUMER AWARENESS.

(a) Yes Sir. For the World Consumer Rights Day 2006, the Government had adopted the theme of "Consumer Health and Safety". All the Central Ministries, State Governments/UTs and Stake holders were requested to undertake advocacy measures through mass media and outdoor publicity to inter-alia, highlight the precautions to be taken by consumers against adulterated food products. Accordingly a substantial number of State Governments and stakeholders have reported having taken such advocacy programmes and events, including in the rural areas.

(b) 103 District Consumer Information Centres have been set up in the country, of which 25 are in Uttar Pradesh. State-wise details are annexed at Statement-I.

(c) Details of State-wise grants released in the last three years and current year till date are annexed at Statement-II.